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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-6 and 13-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 7-12 and 20-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-6 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kim et al. (6,922,802).

Kim et al. discloses the invention as claimed. Figs. 1-10 show the system for reproducing replacement data stored on a spare are assigned to a disc having the steps and means for: reading replacement data from a spare area of the disc (see elements 40, 50, 60, 80 and 90, and column 6, lines 35-60, that describes reading the replacement data which represents the PDL and SDL from the spare area of the optical disk); storing the replacement data (in the PDL section memory 70a, and SDL-section memory 70c); and if there is a defect area, then reproducing the stored replacement data corresponding to the detected defect area (column 6, lines 53-column 7, line 17), as set forth in claims 1-6 and 13-19.

Kim et al. further teaches: the disc is an optical disc (see column 1, line 55), as set forth in claims 2 and 15; the spare area is searched and read for to generate the replacement data which represents the PDL and SDL, and then stored in the memory (70) (see column 6, lines 49-60), as set forth in claims 3 and 4; the defect area is carried out based on a defect list information in the lead-in area of the disk (PDL and SDL, see column 6, line 54), as set forth in claims 5, 6, 18 and 19; searching the spare area when the disc is loaded into the disc player (taken to be inherent to the reproduction of the disk in order to reproduce the disk), as set forth in claim 16; and the memory (70) comprises a storage device in a PC (see Fig. 4), as set forth in claim 17. See also the description of the figures and apparatus for further details relating to the limitations as set forth in the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-12 and 20-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record alone or in combination does not teach or suggest the method and disc player for reproducing replacement data recorded on a spare area of a

disc having the combination of steps and elements with their recited process and function as set forth in claims 1 and 14, along with having the further limitations as set forth in claims 7-12 and 20-25.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Park et al. (2005/0022053) discloses an optical disk apparatus capable of reproducing information from the optical disk using defective list management information.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MUHAMMAD N. EDUN whose telephone number is 571-272-7617. The examiner can normally be reached on FLEXITIME.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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